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BOLIVIA: Leftists Probably Behind Motorcade Bombing

the attack on Secretary Shultz's motorcade in Bolivia Monday was the work of the Simon Bolivar Guerrilla Commando faction. The group is composed of radicals in the Bolivian Communist Party and has publicly claimed responsibility. It is made up of young activists who chafe at the refusal of the party's dominant old guard to support the use of violence.

Comment: Members of the Commando carried out two previous attacks on US targets in Bolivia. In March 1986 a Commando activist was implicated in a dynamite attack on the US Embassy in La Paz, and in May 1987 the faction claimed responsibility for a midnight dynamite attack on Citibank. As in those earlier attacks, the attack Monday may not have been intended to cause loss of life.